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Modern-day high school kendo champion Moon Bin Kim suffers from a recurring nightmare in which he lives as Sa Kyung Kim, the son of a prominent warrior family in 13th century Korea (Koryo) After a freak accident at the school swimming pool, during which Moon Bin saw the mysterious dream girl beneath him in the water, pulling him down into dark depths, he found that his nightmare had become more real than he could ever imagine. As a hospitalized Moon Bin entered a coma, his personality emerges in the distant past as Sa Kyung Kim revives miraculously after years of unconsciousness.

With his modern persona displaced in medieval Koryo, Moon Bin is finding it difficult to fit in. In the present, his high school's kendo club was battling toward the championships...but in the past, Moon Bin finds himself at the brink of war with the Mongol Empire. Genghis Khan has recently died, leaving the great expanse of Asia to his heirs. It was one of Genghis Khan's dying orders to invade Koryo, and the new Deh-Khan intends to do just that. He has chosen a general to lead the invasion of the peninsula—Sali Tayi, the most brutal and feared warrior in the Mongol army. To appoint a Chiliarch to accompany Sali Tayi on this path of conquest, the new Deh-Khan has devised a contest of skill, strength and bravery—a contest restricted to male soldiers. However, the granddaughter of Genghis Kahn, the beautiful and deadly Atan Hadas, longs to show the Mongol world what kind of fighter a woman can be.

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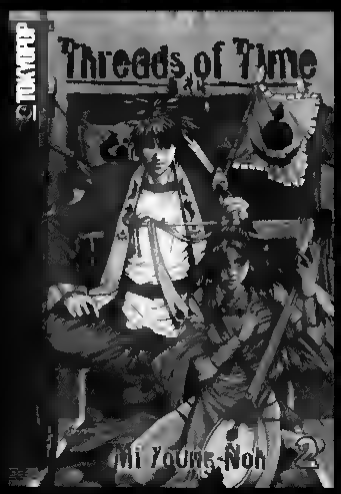

The Mongol princess Atan Hadas, determined to prove that a sword alone doesn't make the warrior, disguises as a man in order to enter a competition—and wins! When her true identity is revealed, the Mongol generals are shocked. Honoring the bravery and skill she demonstrated in the tournament, Atan Hadas is made second in command under Sali Tayi.

As the Mongol hordes prepare for war, Moon Bin continues to adapt to his new existence in medieval Koryo. He recognizes that many of the people around him are different versions of his friends and acquaintances from the 20th Century.

Meanwhile, Atan Hadas is sent as a spy on a reconnaissance mission into Koryo. Moon Bin's 13th Century "father," the warlord Kim Kyung-Sohn is suspicious of the princess, but allows her party entry into his province. In the woods of Koryo, Moon Bin unexpectedly runs into the princess bathing, and is immediately smitten by her beauty. At the same time, Kim Kyung-Sohn discovers the true identity of Atan Hadas and orders her arrest. Unaware that she is a princess and a spy of the enemy, the impetuous Moon Bin helps Atan Hadas escape capture. Returning to her general, Sali Tayi, Atan Hadas finds that a full-scale invasion of Koryo is underway ..

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YOU ARE AMAZING...
...ATAN HADAS.

WHY DOES A GIRL SUCH AS YOU LUST FOR WAR?
MY WHOLE LIFE...

...I COULD ONLY WATCH WHILE MEN SUCH AS YOU SUBDUED THE ENEMIES OF KHAN

WAAAA!

IT'S THE GENERAL AND ATAN HADAS!
WAAAAAA!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
THEY ARE ELITE AMONG ALL MONGOL FORCES.
WAAAAAA!!
HAIL GENERAL SALI TALI!
HAIL PRINCESS ATAN HADAS!

August, 1231
HEAR ME, PURUNEREE!
Purunerees: Mongol Princes
THIS LAND OF KORYO THAT LIES BEFORE US DESCENDS FROM THE KOGURYO. THEREFORE, DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THEIR MIGHT.
HOWEVER-- THEY MURDERED THE MONGOL AMBASSADOR, JU GO-YOUNG!
Koguryo (37 B.C.-668 A.D.) An ancient dynasty of the Korean peninsula where many modern-day martial arts developed

LET US GO FORTH TO CONQUER KORYO, WHICH INSULTED OUR NATIVE MAJESTY!

IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR EMPEROR IMMORTAL...
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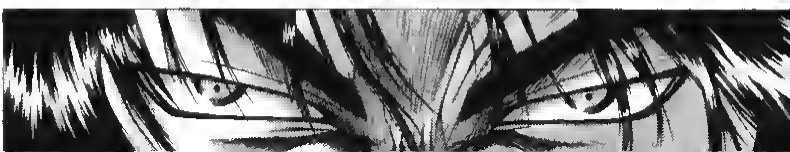
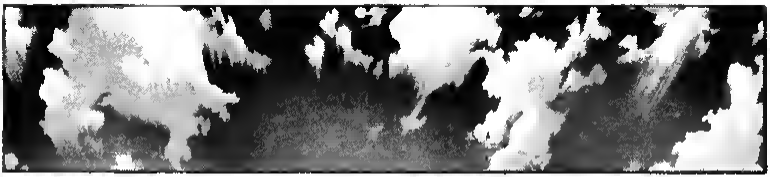
LET KORYO FEEL THE HAMMER OF KHAN!!





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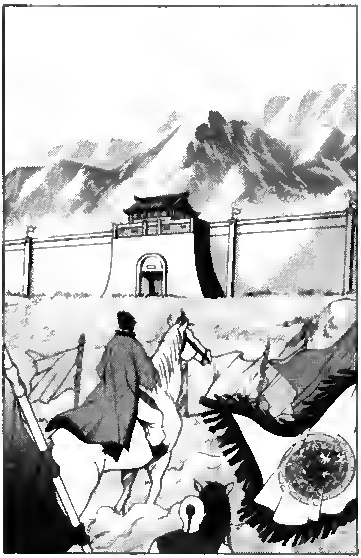
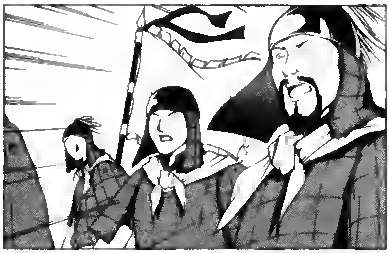
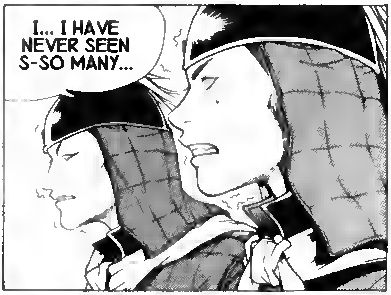
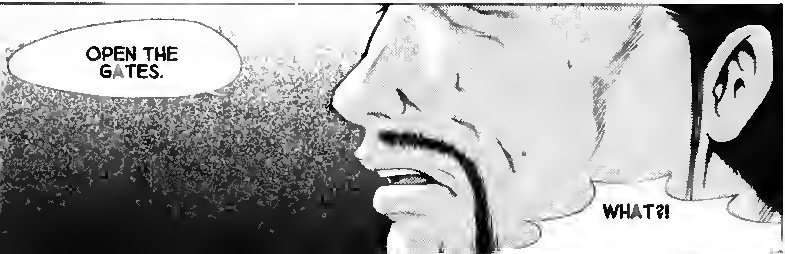





I... I HAVE NEVER SEEN S-SO MANY...

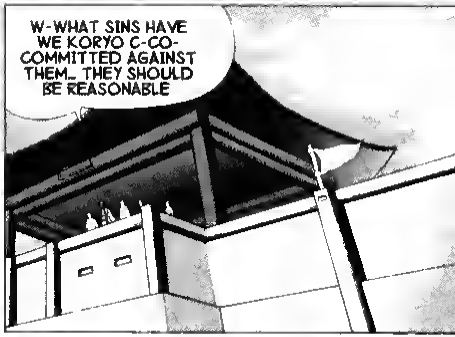
PLEASE GIVE US THE ORDER.

GATES...


OPEN THE GATES.
WHAT?!

I... I KNEW A MONGOL... HAP-ZIN! HE AND MY FATHER WERE PRACTICALLY BROTHERS. W-WE SHOULD WELCOME OUR VISITORS...
VISITORS!? ... GENERAL! THEY CAME TO INVADE. HOW CAN YOU THINK...?!

SILENCE!


W-WHAT SINS HAVE WE KORYO C-CO-COMMITTED AGAINST THEM... THEY SHOULD BE REASONABLE

SO, YOU ARE TELLING ME THAT YOUR STEPFATHER IS OUR MONGOL GENERAL HAP-ZIN?
YES, SIR.

.....

ZO SHUK-CHANG! I WILL GRANT YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW LOYALTY TO THE COUNTRY OF YOUR STEPFATHER.
BECOME MONGOLS' VANGUARD AND MARCH BEFORE US

YES, SIR! I WILL OBEY YOUR COMMAND.
WE WILL...
TRAITOR! YOU WOULD SUBMIT TO THESE MONGOL BASTARDS?!
WE MAKE NO SUCH SURRENDER!!
CLOSE THE GATES!

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THE WRATH OF THE GREAT KHAN...
TAKE HEED...
...IS UPON YOU.
SO RUTHLESS... SO BRUTAL...

Chul-Zu Palace
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ACK!
Gasp!
Gasp!

WARRIORS OF KORYO!
THE GATE IS BREACHED! THE PALACE IS LOST!
LET US DRAG EVEN JUST ONE MORE MONGOL WITH US TO HELL...
FOR KORYO!!
HIYAAAA!!
WAAAAA!!

IMPRESSIVE. EVEN THOUGH ALL HOPE HAS FLOWN, THEIR SPIRITS DO NOT WANE.
THESE DIFFER FROM THE SOLDIERS OF HAHM-SIN-ZIN THAT WE ENGAGED AT THE LAST PALACE.
THOUGH THE COUNTRY OF KORYO IS SMALL, IT HAS HISTORICALLY DEFENDED ITSELF AGAINST THE INVADING ARMIES OF BOTH SU AND DANG.
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THERE ARE EXCEPTIONAL GENERALS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THIS COUNTRY.
ONES SUCH AS KIM KYUNG-SOHN OF GHU ZHU PALACE.
KIM KYUNG-SOHN?

HE BROKE OUR COVER WHEN WE SPIED ON GHU ZHU UNDER THE GUISE OF MERCHANTS.
HE IS SOMEONE WITH KEEN EYES AND INSTINCT.
HEH HEH HEH...
I WILL ENJOY THAT MEETING
JUST AS I ENJOY THIS ONE.
ALL IS LOST.

Hong Dae-Won and Hong Bock-Won Father and Son
.....
.....!
Judge Yi He-Juck
WE MUST SEND A MESSENGER WITH WARNINGS TO GHU ZHU PALACE.

YOU...
YOU TR-TRAITORS...

BECAUSE IN THIS PROVINCE, WE ARE BUT SERVANTS.
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO LIVE A LIFE OF GLORY ON THE BACK OF THE MONGOLS?
WHY... WHY WOULD YOU...
A MAN...
...MUST EMBRACE OPPORTUNITY.
THE M-MESSAGE...
FAREWELL!

EEE..
AUGHHH!
YOU FILTHY CURS!

MONGOL SAVAGES!!
I WILL NOT YIELD!
LOOK, CAPTAIN!
THE RAMPARTS...

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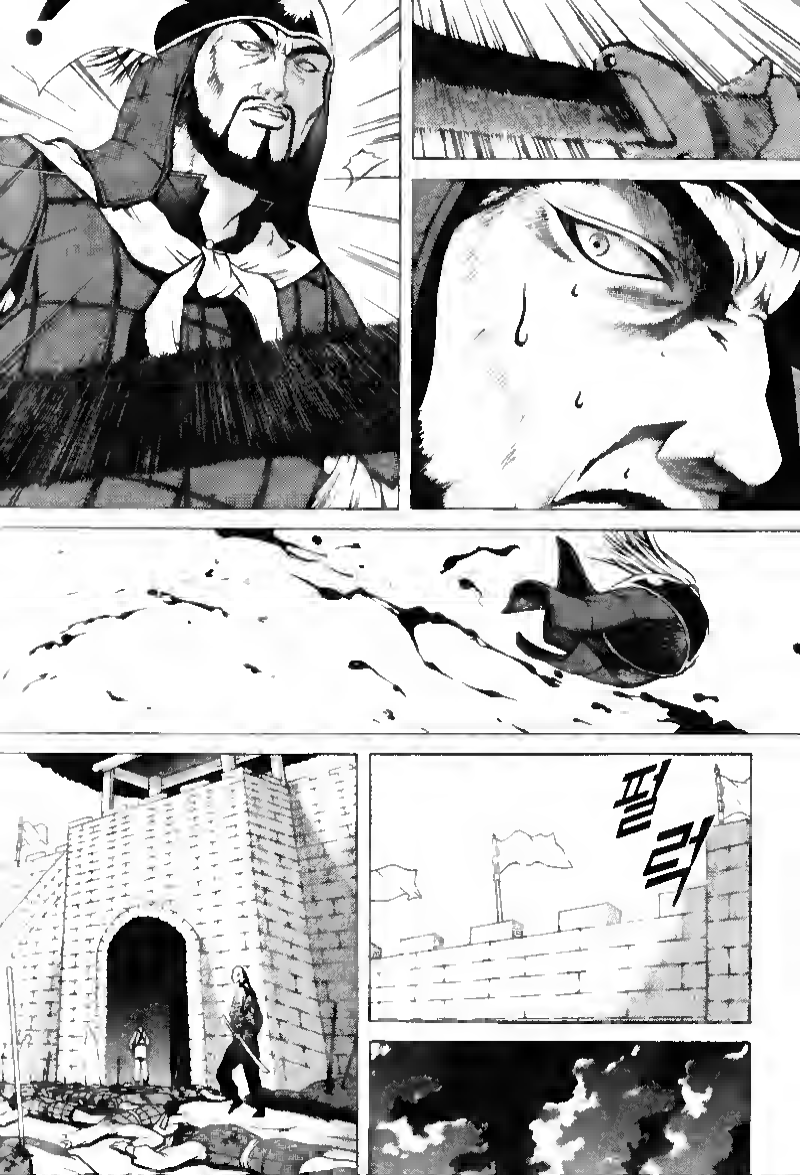
WHITE FLAGS...?
WITH AN ENEMY BEFORE OUR EYES...

THE GENERAL WANTS US TO SURRENDER?!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SO, YOU DESIRE TO JOIN THE MONGOLS' VANGUARD?
HOW COULD WE RESIST THE AUTHORITY OF ONE WHO HAS COME FROM THE GREAT LAND OF MONGOLS?
WE WILL BE LOYAL, EVEN UNTO DEATH.

SEE, ZO-SHUK CHANG. THESE FAITHFUL FALL INTO PLACE BEAUTIFULLY.
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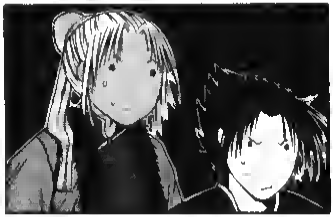
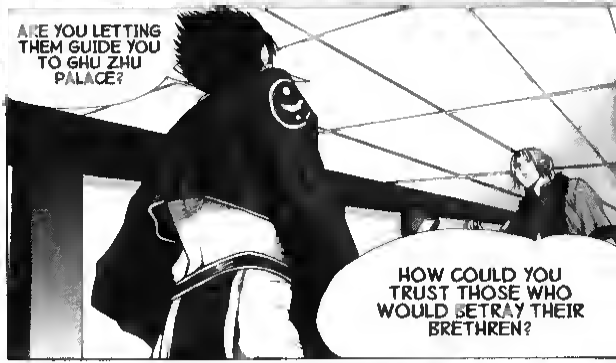
WHERE TO NEXT, ATAN HADAS?
GHU ZHU_
GHU ZHU PALACE?
GENERAL! IT IS NEARBY! GRANT US THE HONOR OF ESCORTING YOU THERE!!



SERVANTS!
PREPARE A FEAST FOR THE MONGOLS!

OR...UM... MAYBE YOU SHOULD REST... AFTER YOUR MAGNIFICENT VICTORY!
Ha ha!

GENERAL...


ARE YOU LETTING THEM GUIDE YOU TO GHU ZHU PALACE?
HOW COULD YOU TRUST THOSE WHO WOULD BETRAY THEIR BRETHREN?

THOSE TWO ARE AS SINISTER AS SNAKES... AND AS COWARDLY. THEY WILL NOT REMAIN AMONG THE FAITHFUL

BASED ON YOUR HIGH REPORT OF HIM, I ANTICIPATE EAGERLY OUR ENGAGEMENT WITH KIM KYUNG-SOHN
LET US HOPE YOU ARE RIGHT. I TIRE OF THESE KORYO STRONGHOLDS WHERE THE SOLDIERS RAISE THE GATES AT THE FIRST SIGN OF TROUBLE!
AND IF YOU ARE WRONG ABOUT HIM, I'LL SEND YOU BACK TO YOUR HUT, GIRL!
.....

Ghu Zhu Palace
OPEN THE GATE!
SCOUTS COMING IN!
YOUR REPORT?
MONGOL TROOPS HAVE SURROUNDED THE AREA.
ENEMY FLAG ON THE HORIZON!
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THEY CALL FOR OUR PEACEFUL SURRENDER.
General of Sack Ju Buhn Do, Kim Jong-Ohn
General of Jung Ju Buhn Do, Kim Kyung-Sohn.
OPEN THE GATE!
IN THE NAME OF THE GREAT OGEDAI DEH-KHAN, I DEMAND YOUR SURRENDER!!
SEND THE GENERAL OF GHU ZHU PALACE TO KNEEL BEFORE OUR BANNER.
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Orrangkeh : a Korean word for foreigners who are barbaric and cruel.

IF YOU CONTINUE YOUR ADVANCE, I WILL SLAUGHTER EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU!
SO, THIS IS THE KIM KYUNG-SOHN ABOUT WHOM YOU HAVE SPOKE SO NIGHLY?
YES, SIR.
SUCH ARROGANCE IS FOOLISH.
MAKE CRY THE DRUMS!
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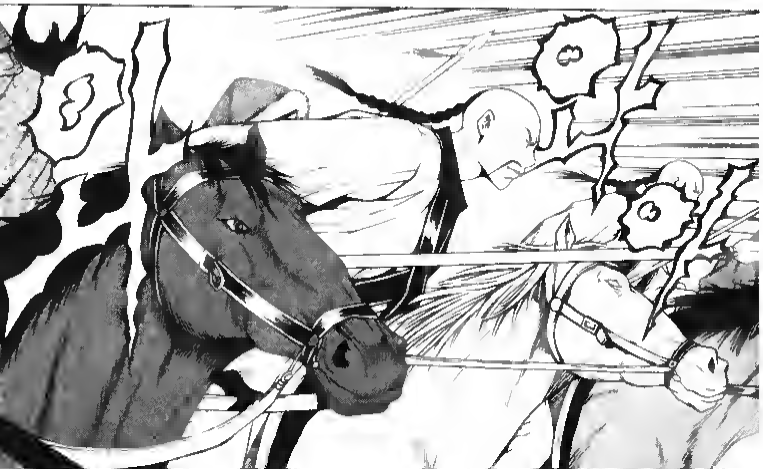
VANGUARD! ADVANCE TOWARD THE CASTLE!



MY LADY!
MY LADY!
THE SIGNAL FIRE HAS BEEN RAISED! WAR! WAR IS UPON US!
HUH?
MY HUSBAND...
MY LADY!
MY LADY...!

WAR!
COULD IT BE...
COULD IT BE..
ARCHERS! HOLD TO THE NORTH WALL!

AIM!
RELEASE!
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AUUUGH!!
THE LAST
!
HEH...
HA HA HA!!

EXCELLENT... MOST EXCELLENT!
NOW THE WAR HAS BEGUN!

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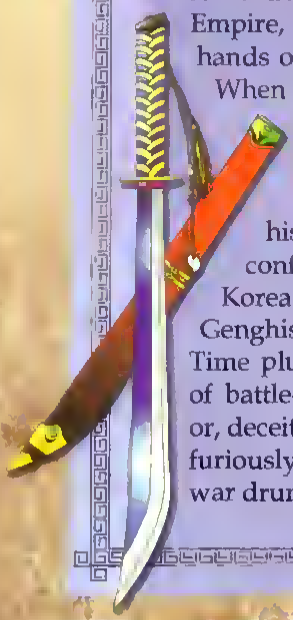
As the Mongol hordes stand at the gates of Koryo, general Sali Tayi issues an ultimatum: surrender and serve the Empire, or die by the hands of the Mongol army. When Koryo refuses, the invasion begins!

Based on the historical 13th-century conflict between ancient Korea and the sons of Genghis Khan, Threads of Time plunges into the thick of battle--where valor, honor, deceit and betrayal sound furiously in the echoes of war drums.



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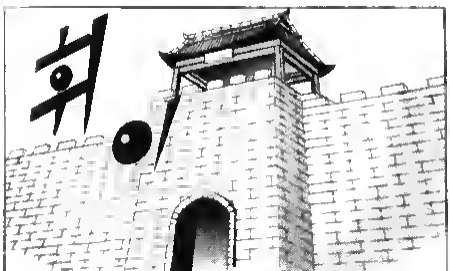
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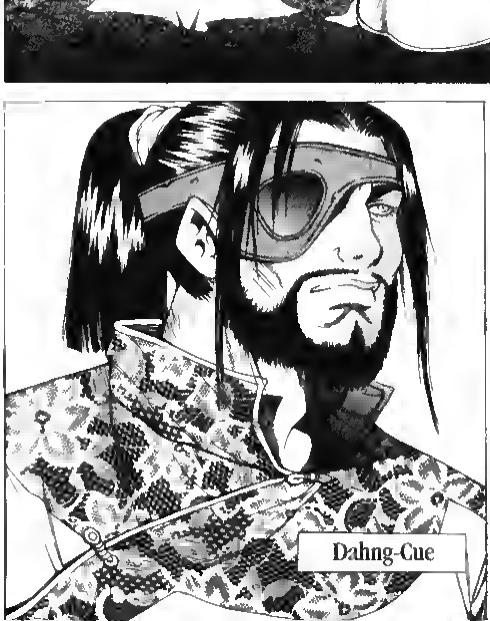
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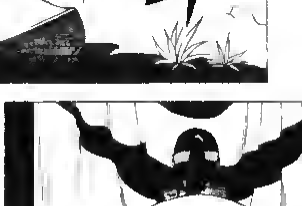

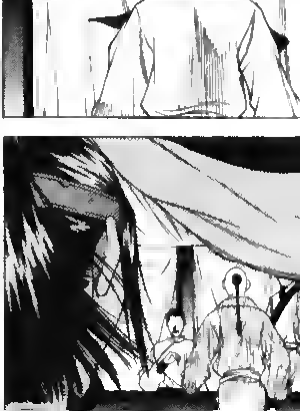

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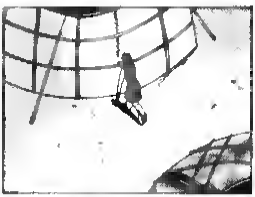
Ohn Jae: high ladders used for invading fortresses.

Gong Suh Jun: an organized tactical battle plan



GENERAL DAHNG CUE...
YOU ARE TO TAKE A HUNDRED OF OUR ELITE WARRIORS.
YES, SIR.
WHY JUST A HUNDRED MEN FOR DAHNG CUE?
WHAT IS SALI TAYI UP TO?
UH-OH
!

Dahng Cue: Infamous and brutal Mongol general who would rise to power later during the third Mongol conquest of Koryo

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PHEW...
THEN...

PRINCESS.

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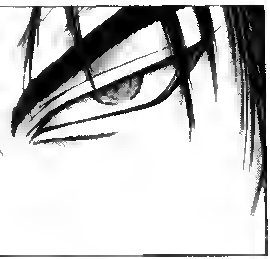

IF SUCH A THING HAPPENS AGAIN...
I WILL PUNISH YOU ACCORDING TO MILITARY LAW.

.....
OH..OKAY. ô
Ghu Zhu Palace, North Gate
THOSE MONGOLS SCURRIED LIKE RATS INTO THE FOREST.
THE BARBARIANS DESERVE TO BE THRUST ON OUR SWORDS!
NEXT TIME WE OUGHT TO MAKE STEW OF THEIR FLESH!
HEY!

WHAT IS THAT?
!

OHN-JAE!

CALL GENERAL BAEK SUHI!
YES, SIR!
HIGH LADDERS
SO, THIS IS THE STRATAGEM SALI TA?I MADE WITHOUT MY CONSULTATION

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ARCHERS!
General Baek-Suh
TAKE YOUR POSITIONS!
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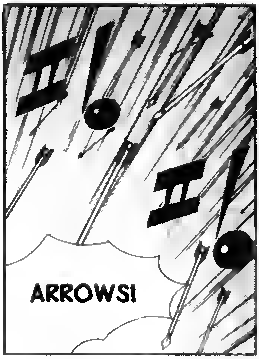
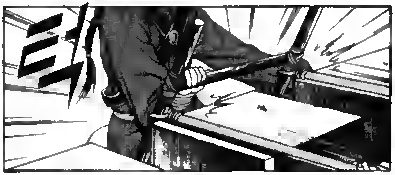
ARCHERS!


ARROWS!

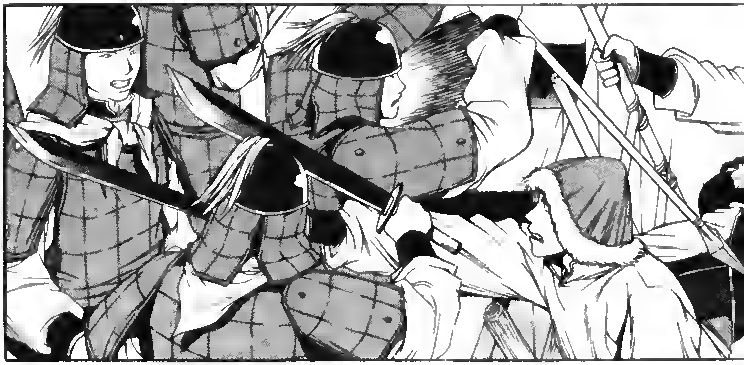
ACK!

HEH HEH..



HEAVE!

NOOOOOO!
부글 부글
EAT THIS!
화악
치이익
ARRRGH!!



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THIS IS WRONG!
OUR MEN ARE BEING BUTCHERED!

HE'S LAUGHING
...WHILE ON THIS FIELD DEMONS SLAUGHTER ONE ANOTHER?!

GENERAL!
THE ENEMY IS RETREATING!
CALL FOR GENERAL KIM KYUNG-SOHN OF THE SOUTH GATE AND GENERAL KIM JUNG-OHN OF THE EAST GATE!
YES, SIR!

AH!
AH!
AUGH!
THIS IS...
...THE LUNACY OF A MADMAN...
HE SENDS SOLDIERS TO THEIR DEATH JUST FOR THE PLEASURE OF WATCHING THEM DIE.

WHAT HAVE WE SUSTAINED?
THE NORTH CASTLE WALL IS HEAVILY DAMAGED.
THEY WILL ATTACK AGAIN SOON.
!!
THE MONGOLS WON'T GIVE US A CHANCE TO FORTIFY THE CRUMBLING WALLS.
THEN, YOU THINK THE CRUX OF THEIR ASSAULT WILL COME FROM THE NORTH?
YES.
AND WHEN THAT TIME COMES, I WILL SEND REINFORCEMENTS FROM THE SOUTH GATE. GENERAL KIM JONG-OHN WILL SEND TROOPS FROM THE EAST GATE.

THERE ARE ONLY 250 SOLDIERS IN THREE POSITIONS DEFENDING THE WEST GATE.
MOVING ANY OF THOSE MEN TO THE NORTH GATE WILL WEAKEN THE PERIMETER.
THE SOUTH, EAST, AND WEST WALLS STILL HOLD. THE TROOPS THERE WILL HAVE TO DO THEIR BEST.
JUST IN CASE, I WANT YOU GENERALS TO REMAIN AT YOUR GATES.
YES, SIR
THE NEWS OF WAR MUST HAVE REACHED KEH KHUNG BY NOW...
MY WIFE..
MY CHILDREN
.....
HEY...
BIN..

MOON-BIN!
DAMN...
I HEARD SOMEONE CALLING MY REAL NAME.
WAS I DREAMING?
MOON-BIN.
HUH?
WHAT?!

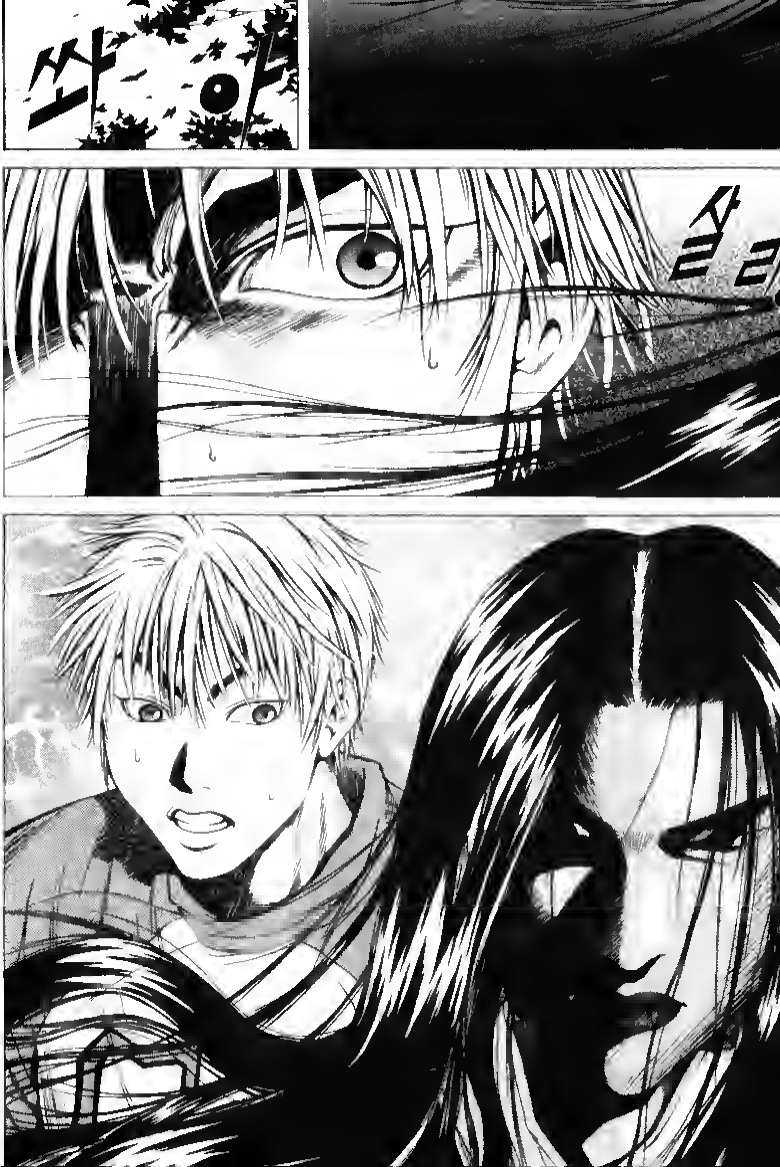
JAE-HYUN?
JAE-HYUN!
WHAT'S THAT PUNK DOING HERE?!
DID HE GET SUCKED INTO THIS NIGHTMARE TOO?

JAE-HYUN
!
MY SISTER...
IS SHE STILL IN A COMA?

JAE- HYUN.
YOU ARE JAE-HYUN, RIGHT?
HOW...?
!

WHA--?
C-H
JAE-HYUN...

FATHER!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AHHHH!
WHAT ARE YOU? A GHOST!
WHAT DO YOU WANT?!
WHY DID YOU DRAG ME HERE? WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME?!

WHAT?
IS IT REVENGE?
WHAT...
TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON!

!

IS MY FATHER GONNA DIE? IS THAT IT?
IS THAT IT?

IS THAT IT? TELL ME!
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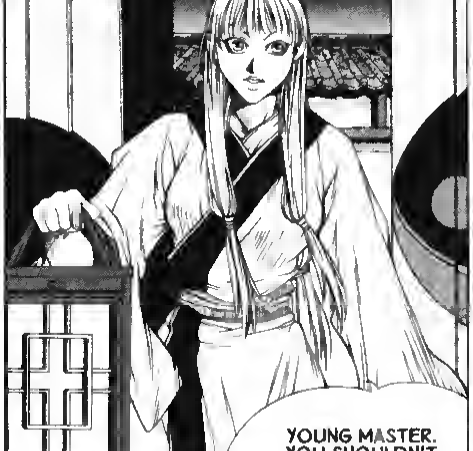
EHHH...
AUGHHHHH!
THIS IS FREAKING ME OUT! WAKE UP, MOON-BIN! WAKE THE HELL UP!
YOUNG MASTER!


YOUNG MASTER. YOU SHOULDN'T BE IN HERE AT THIS HOUR.

YOUNG MASTER?

WAS IT A DREAM?
?

DREAM ..
FATHER!

GENERAL BAEK-SUHI
THE MONGOL SOLDIERS ARE PITCHING TENTS AROUND THE PALACE!!
BRING ME MY SWORD!
YES, SIR!
휘이잉
!
SEND A MESSAGE TO THE GENERALS! IT'S TIME TO SEND US THOSE REINFORCEMENTS!
YES, SIR!

Ghu Zhu Palace, East Gate
THEY'RE ATTACKING THE NORTH GATE, JUST AS WE EXPECTED.
SEND 200 SOLDIERS TO THE NORTH GATE.
YES, SIR.
Ghu Zhu Palace, South Gate
HOW MANY MONGOL TROOPS?
SLIGHTLY MORE THAN THE FIRST ASSAULT.
SEND ALL BUT A SKELETON CREW TO THE NORTH GATE.
.....
HUH? _ Y-YES, SIR!

THIS IS A RISK I MUST T KE..
.....
THE REINFORCEMENTS HAVE ARRIVED, GENERAL.
...
North Gate
GENERAL KIM JONG-OHN HAS SENT 200 AND GENERAL KIM KYUNG-SOHN HAS SENT 150!
STRANGE...
SIR?
THE ENEMY...

THEY SHOW NO SIGN OF ADVANCING!
CLEVER.
?
A GAMBIT TO FORCE THE KORYO GENERAL ...
... TO MOVE THE MAJORITY OF HIS FORCES TO THE WEAKENED NORTH WALL.
I PRAY FOR THE SOLDIERS AT THE NORTH GATE RIGHT NOW.
AS DO I...
Ghu Zhu Palace, South Gate

IT SEEMS SO QUIET NOW.
HEY, WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
WHAT IF THE GENERAL FINDS OUT?!
YOU ROTTEN MONGOLS, COME DRINK THIS!
WHIZZZZZ
!
AHHHH!
HEY, IT'S SPLASHING EVERYWHERE!
TH-THEY... ARE... HERE.
!
ME AND MY BIG MOUTH... IT ALWAYS GETS ME IN TROUBLE!

HURRY, SOUND THE ALARM!
CALL GENERAL KIM KYUNG-SOHN!

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Chapter 12
An Arrow

HOW MANY?!
GENERAL KIM KYUNG-SOHN!
ABOUT A HUNDRED, SIR!
WE POSITIONED ARCHERS BY THE CASTLE WALL, BUT OUR MAIN FORCE IS AT THE NORTH GATE!

HOLD!
HOLD UNTIL I GIVE THE SIGNAL!
STEADY...
히잉!
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푸르르

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ARE THEY TRYING TO SHOOT FROM THAT DISTANCE?
There's no way their arrows can fly so far!
!

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SHIELDS! RAISE YOUR SHIELDS!
EH?

AHHHH!
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AHHHHHH!

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EEEEH...
ARRGHH!
WHAT HAVE WE DONE?
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THESE SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN TRAINED BY GENERAL SALI TAYI HIMSELF.
THEY'RE NOTHING LIKE THE DOGS WE SET UPON THE NORTH GATE YESTERDAY.
ADVANCE!
MOVE OFF THE WALL! THAT'S AN ORDER!
WHAT ARE OUR CASUALTIES?
THE MONGOL ARROWS SPED OVER FIFTY MEN TO HELL!

GO TO GENERAL BAEK-SUH... TELL HIM... TELL HIM WE NEED OUR SOLDIERS BACK.
EH?!

THERE'S IS NO TIME! WE'LL BE OVERRUN BEFORE THEY ARRIVE!

TIME IS SOMETHING WE MUST AFFORD OURSELVES.

WE MUST HOLD BACK THE MONGOL TIDE.

!
HOW MANY AMONG HERE ARE SKILLED IN BOTH SWORDPLAY AND HORSEMANSHIP?
WE SENT MOST TO THE NORTH GATE. THE ONES WHO REMAIN ARE EITHER ARCHERS OR ARE INJURED. AND WE'RE ONLY TWELVE AT THAT...
TWELVE MEN...
AGAINST A HORDE OF OVER A HUNDRED!
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WE MUST BUY TIME FOR THE REINFORCEMENTS! TO ARMS, AND MEET AT THE FRONT GATE!
YES, SIR!

WE ARE BUT A FEW...
DO NOT TRUST IN HOPE
FOR WE CANNOT RETURN FROM THIS FIELD VICTORIOUS
HOWEVER, OUR VALOR WILL REWARD THOSE WHO FOLLOW US AND LAY WASTE TO THIS TRIBE OF VILLAINS.
GULP
WARRIORS
DIE WITH HONOR IN YOUR HEARTS

RAISE THE GATE!
CHARGE!

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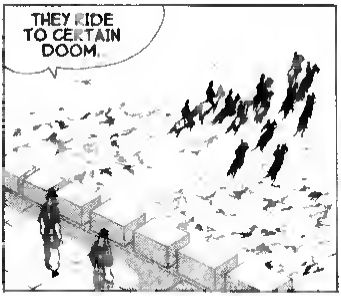
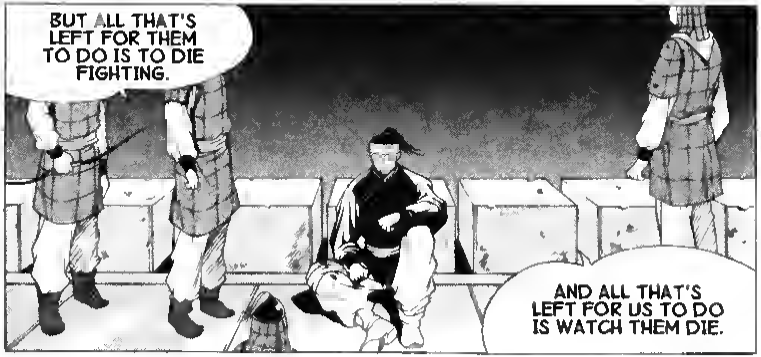

THEY RIDE TO CERTAIN DOOM.

THOSE INVADING MONSTERS CAN PENETRATE EVEN OUR STRONGEST SHIELDS WITH THEIR ARROWS.
HOW WILL TWELVE MEN EVEN SLOW AN ENTIRE ARMY?

HOLD YOUR TONGUE!

DAMN IT! THEY KNOW THAT!


BUT ALL THAT'S LEFT FOR THEM TO DO IS TO DIE FIGHTING.
AND ALL THAT'S LEFT FOR US TO DO IS WATCH THEM DIE.

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EH? WHAT IS THIS?
ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR

TWELVE MEN?
HEH
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ARROGANT FOOLS!
THEY MOCK US WITH THIS SORTIE!
FIND US A DOZEN POLES ON WHICH TO MOUNT THEIR HEADS!

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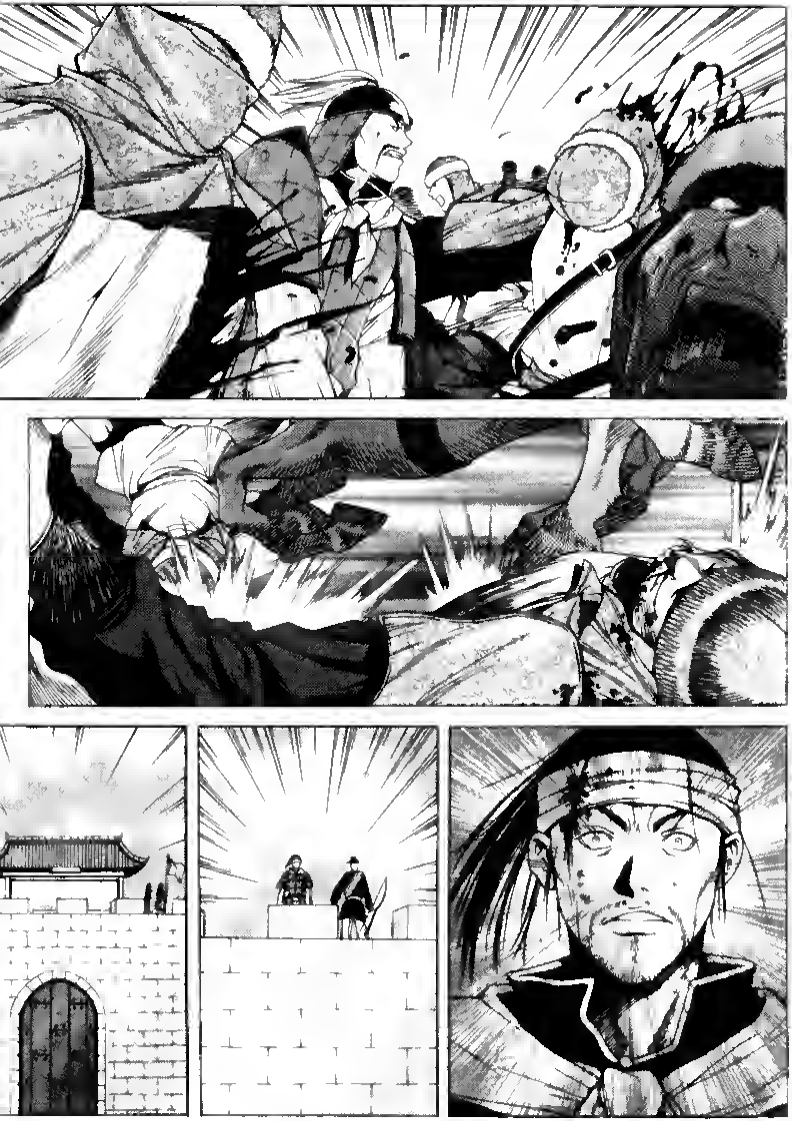
THE KORYO FIGHT LIKE DEVILS!



LOOK AT THE FIELD!
OUR MEN ARE PUSHING BACK THE MONGOLS!
AH...IT'S TRUE.
SUCH SINGULAR BRAVERY!
HURRAH!
MY BOW! GIVE ME MY BOW!
HUH?

HOW WILL YOU SHOOT?
?
EVEN WITHOUT MY HAND, I HAVE CONFIDENCE STILL IN MY AIM. THOUGH I COULD NOT HIT A PERSON...
...I SHOULD BE ABLE TO FELL A HORSE.
I MUST DO MORE THAN SIMPLY WATCH THEM DIE.
YANK
I MUST HELP THEM TO LIVE AS LONG AS THEY CAN. I MUST DEFEND OUR COUNTRY.

YOU ARROGANT WHELP!
.....!
I CANNOT WALK, BUT BOTH OF MY ARMS ARE FINE!
YOU SAY YOU CAN FELL A HORSE WITH ONE HAND?
THEN I SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM SHOOTING A MONGOL RIGHT THROUGH THE EYE!
THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO WAIL FOR KIM KYUNG-SOHN AND HIS MEN.
LIFT YOUR HEARTS! FOR GREAT DEEDS WE WILL ACCOMPLISH THIS DAY!

FOR KORYO!! FOR GENERAL KIM!!
TO THE END OF ENDS!

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AN ARROW?

THE WOUNDED TROOPS..

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COURAGE, MY BROTHERS!
YOU ARE NOT ALONE AGAINST THE MONGOL DOGS!
HA HA!
SEE THAT? RIGHT THROUGH HIS EYE!
EVERYONE FIGHTS. !!
WE WILL NEVER SURRENDER! WE WILL NEVER BE BROKEN!
HA HA!
EVERY ONE OF US FIGHTS AGAINST THE HORDE, TOGETHER!

THEY ARE RIGHT.
OUR BROTHERHOOD MAKES SOLID OUR SPIRIT

FIRST, THIS TASK IN FRONT OF ME!
FIRST THIS, AND ON TO THE NEXT!

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THESE KORYO INSECTS ARE BECOMING A NUISANCE.
HOW DARE THEY CRAWL BEFORE ME!

AUGHH!

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DIE BENEATH THE MIGHTY BOOTS OF THE GREAT KHAN!

YAAAAAA!

OUR LINE IS BREAKING!
ARGGGHHH!!

HEH!

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Chapter 13
The Generals

LET US SEE THAT TONGUE WAG AGAIN!
DO YOU STILL THINK MY SOLDIERS INSECTS? THESE WARRIORS WHO BRAVE THE FOREIGN TIDE OF DEATH?
YOU MONGOL FOOL!

DIE!

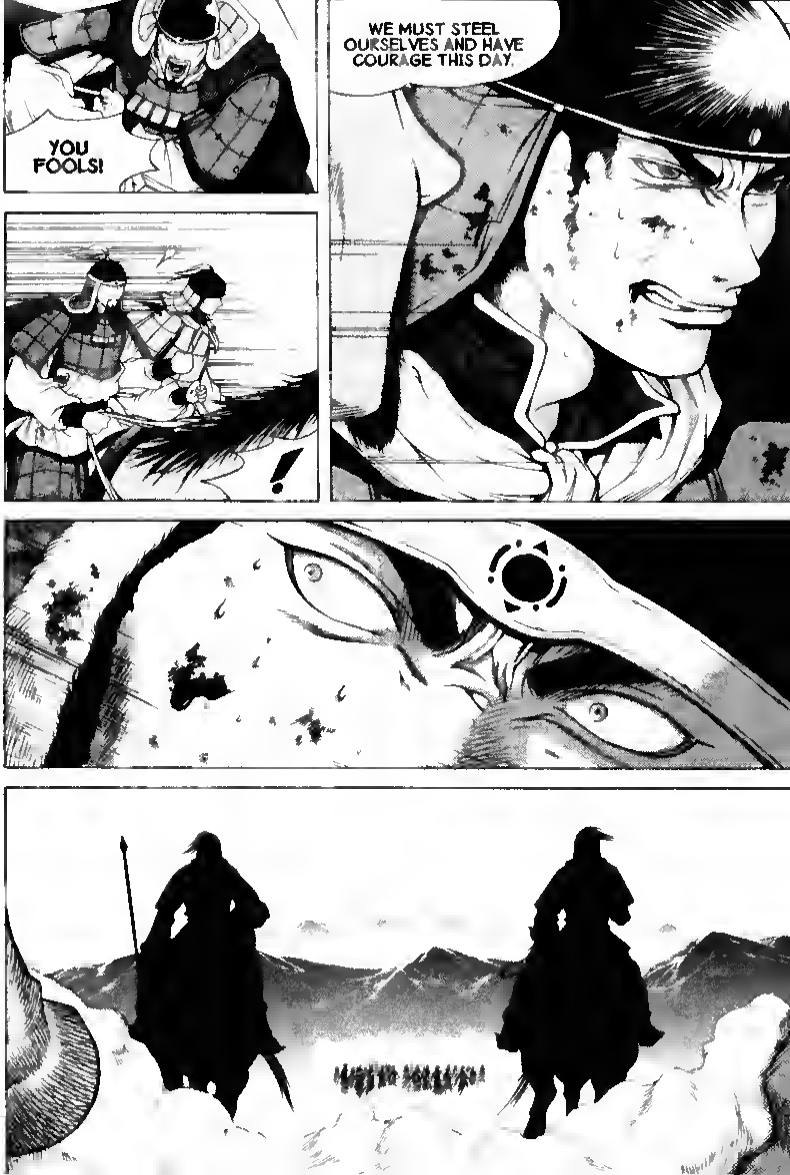
GENERAL SALI TAYI!
HE BRINGS REINFORCEMENTS!
GENERAL!
COUGH...!!
.....!
RETREAT!
ALL OF YOU, RETREAT! BACK THROUGH THE GATES OF GHU ZHU PALACE!
YES, SIR!
GENERAL ...
IT IS MY SHAME TO BE CARRIED BEFORE YOUR IRE.

YOU HAVE LED US...
...TO DEFEAT.
YOU ARE A DISGRACE!
GENERAL!

GENERAL, THE ENEMY WITHDRAWS BACK TO THE GATE!
PURSUE THEM.
BRING ME THE HEAD OF KIM KYUNG-SOHN.
YOU HEARD THE ORDER! CHARGE THE GATE!

WHAA!
WE CANNOT OUTPACE THEM!

!
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING?!
RETURN TO THE RETREAT FORMATION! THAT'S AN ORDER!


YOU FOOLS!
!
WE MUST STEEL OURSELVES AND HAVE COURAGE THIS DAY.

ARE YOU SCARED, SANG HO?
HEH! NO. OUR TIME HAS COME.
AND WITH OUR DEATHS...
...THE LIGHT OF KORYO WILL SHINE BRIGHT.

FOR KORYO!

SANG HOI!
!

THE DEVIL!
SALI TAY! HIMSELF!

EE-
EEKGH...!!
HERE IS
YOUR ARROW!

I SEND IT BACK TO YOU, SALI TAY!!
AND I'LL SEE YOU IN HELL!

GENERAL!

HA HA HA HA HA!
THE MONGOL CURS STILL BITE AT OUR HEELS!

!!
HOW...?!
GENERAL SALI TAYI IS UNHORSED!
HOW... HOW IS THIS...

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!

PUSH PAST THESE FEEBLE PEONS!
CAPTURE THE HEAD OF THEIR LEADER!
HI!
GENERAL KIM!!

I MUST PROTECT THE GENERAL!

UGH!

HURRAAAH!
HURRAH!
HURRAH!
HURRAH!

HURRAAAAAH!
HURRAH!
HURRAH!
HURRAH!
THEY MADE IT!

GENERAL BAEK-SUHI

DO NOT EMBRACE THE DARKNESS YET, MY FRIEND. I BRING POWERFUL SWORDARMS IN YOUR TIME OF NEED!

!
KAH!
FALL BACK!
FALL BACK!
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THE ENEMY RETREATS!
HA HA!
YEAH!
THE GENERAL IS HERE!
OPEN THE GATE!
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LOOK!

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HURRAH!
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Victory.
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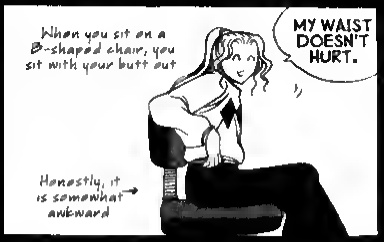
GENERAL...

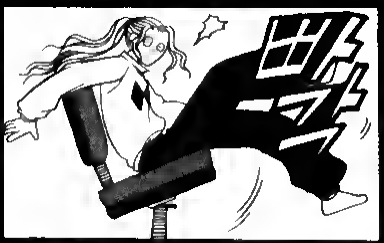
MONGOL BARBARIANS!
DAMN YOU!

This I vow before the gods.
No matter the price...

KIM KYUNG-SOHN...
WILL DIE MERCILESSLY BY MY HAND!

Incident With a B-shaped Chair





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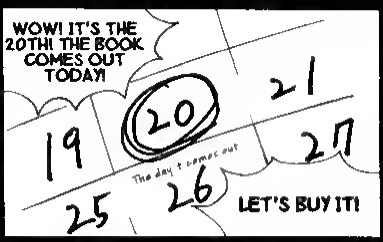
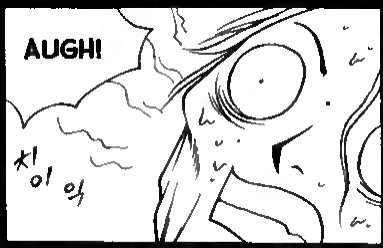
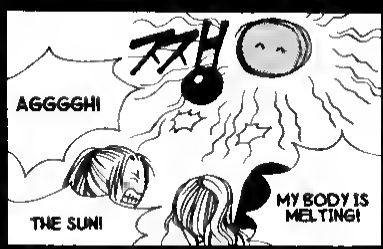
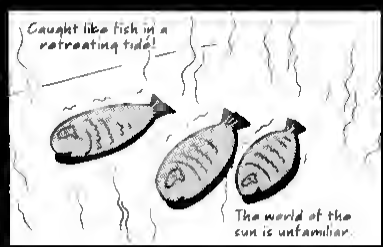
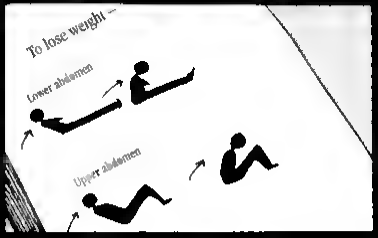
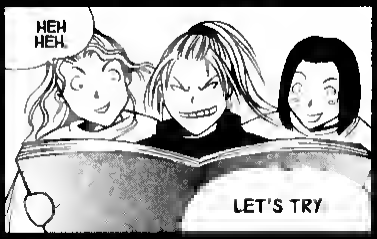









To lose weight –
Lower abdomen
Upper abdomen


HEH HEH
LET'S TRY

The pain of exercise...
Is so intense...
Eeee

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
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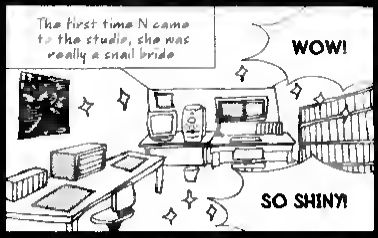
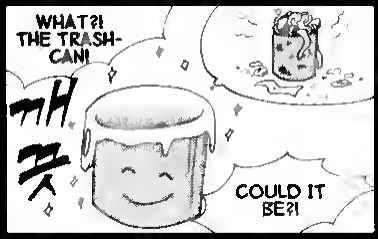
EXERCISE


The first time N came to the studio, she was really a snail bride
WOW!
SO SHINY!


WHAT?! THE TRASH-CAN!
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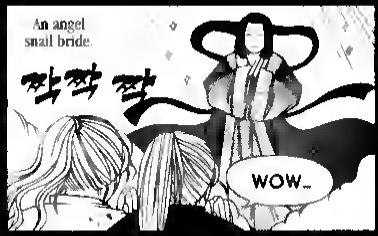
COULD IT BE?!


An angel snail bride.
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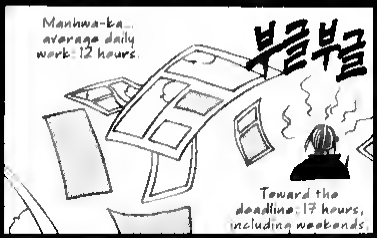
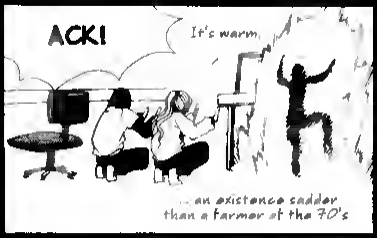
WOW..

Some months later
OF COURSE, COURSE...

Jun Dae III: Cartoonist





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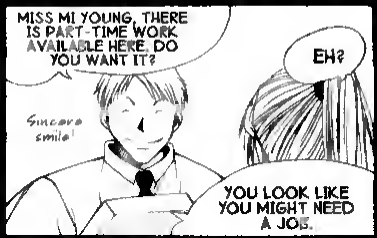

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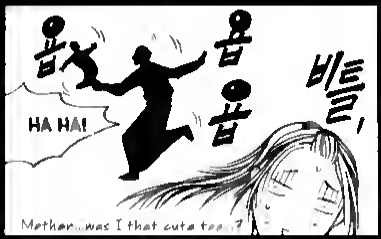

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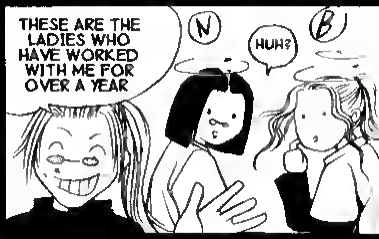

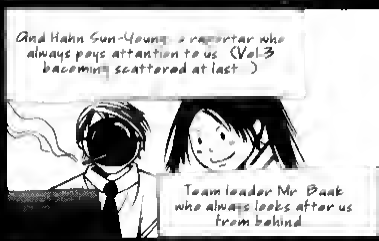
And Hahn Sun-Young, a narrator who always pays attention to us (Vol.3 becoming scattered at last)
Team leader Mr Baak who always looks after us from behind

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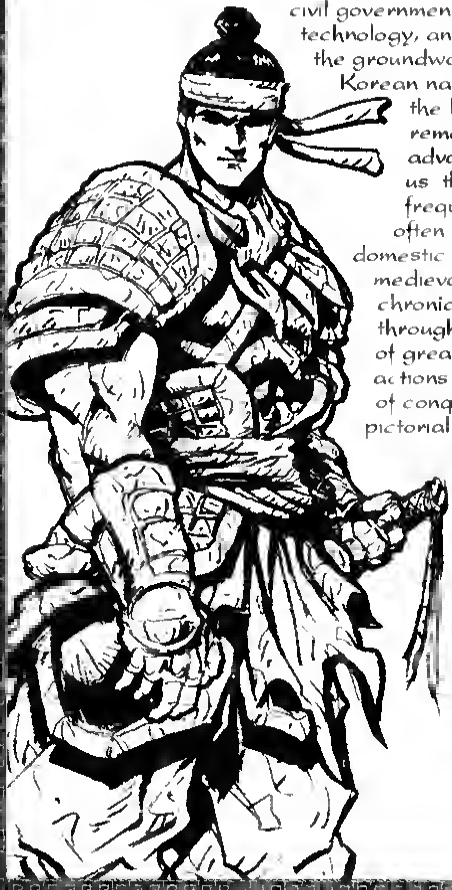
The Military History of the Korean Peninsula 918-1392

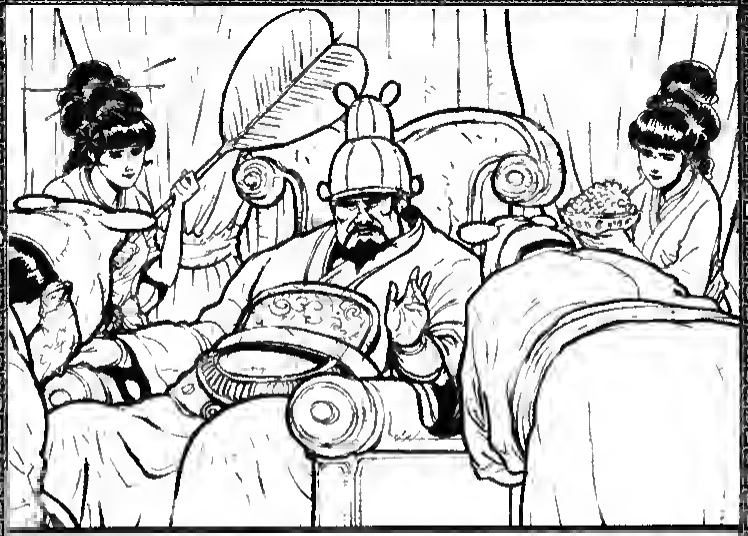
KORYO PERJOD: 918-1392

The significance of the Koryo dynasty is often neglected in the summary records of Korean historians. Its foundation, however, represented a lasting unification of the indigenous peoples of the Korean peninsula. In fact, the modern term "Korea" is derived from Koryo (itself being a contracted name of the unifying kingdom of Koguryo). This period fostered tremendous advancements in civil government, religious philosophy, technology, and the arts—establishing the groundwork for the current Korean national identity. While the Koryo dynasty is remembered for these advancements, history tells us that it was also a time of frequent turmoil and subject often to atrocious violence both domestic and foreign. Like most medieval Asian civilizations, the chronicles of Koryo are dictated through the valor of great battles, the remarkable actions of generals, and tales of conquest. In this brief pictorial military history of the Koryo period, we hope to illustrate both the turbulence and ancient glory of the time.



Wang Kon (877-943 C.E.) was a prince and powerful general of the Shilla dynasty. He was a nobleman from an influential clan in Songdo (the site of present day Kaesong) that was granted power over maritime trade along the Yesong River by King Kung Ye of the province Koguryo. For many years Prince Wang Kon served his king with grave loyalty. Wang Kon's heroism in battle and shrewd diplomacy were evidenced when he assisted King Ye in successfully seceding from the Shilla Empire in 901 C.E. In reward for his intrepidness during war, Wang Kon was granted the honor of being titled First Minister of the now-independent Koguryo.

Free from subservience to Shilla, Kung Ye became insane with power. In madness he imagined himself to be the Maitreya (a futuristic reincarnation of the Buddha), and his court is remembered for obscene lusts and indulgent brutality. Falling out of favor with the increasingly unstable King Ye, Wang Kon fled north with a contingent of dedicated followers. Lamenting the fallen state of Koguryo, Kang Won organized and led a rebellion that ousted King Ye in 918 C.E. Dismayed by the cruel tyranny and political frailty exhibited by his neighbors, Kang Won raised a massive Koguryo army in hopes of unifying the entire Korean peninsula. Systematically invading the scattered provinces of the Shilla Empire, Kang Won's forces conquered all resistance by 935. Kang Won then declared himself king of "Koryo" and established his court in the new capital of Songdo.



In the early decades of the Koryo dynasty, progress flourished. Wang Kon was highly educated and of noble birth, but he understood that a stable civilization depended on a content populace. He inaugurated significant social reform, including emancipation of certain slave classes, equitable redistribution of farmland, an organized educational system, repeal of excessive taxation, and a rank system of authority determined by merit rather than birth. To maintain a lasting order, Kang Won had decreed that the social structure would be divided equally between civil and military nobility. As time moved forward the civil and military authorities became more distant and their ideologies estranged. Nobles in both categories began to establish sizeable private armies to protect their interests and maintain local order—as did several renowned orders of Buddhist monks which were themselves gaining political influence. The proximity of these volatile forces led to the steadily increasing occurrence of minor rebellions and internal skirmishes. By the late 12th Century, tension among the diverse Koryo armies reached a height and the kingdom was on the brink of chaos.

In 1170 C.E., the military nobility orchestrated an aggressive insurrection against their civil counterparts. Frustrated by a degrading social relevance and diminishing government remuneration, a consortium of generals encountered several prominent private armies in a series of savage battles. The scourges of civil war ravaged the infrastructure of the Koryo Empire and fomented widespread social unrest. And while the people of Koryo were transfixed on the havoc of domestic rebellion, an enemy was massing on their borders.

After a half-century of internal conflict the national defense of Koryo was neglected and disordered. At the same time, the Mongol Empire was a generation removed from the famous conqueror Genghis Khan, and was at the peak of its global potency. In 1231 C.E. Mongols consolidated their forces and bent their efforts toward the subjugation of Koryo. Under the leadership of the iniquitous military genius of General Sartai (The historic Source for the character Sali Tayi in ***Threads of Time***), the Mongols pressed an invasion force into the northern strongholds of Koryo. With the might of a Khan's empire behind him, Sartai traded heavy casualties and ultimately his own life for slow and steady gains during the Mongol advance southward. Records of the unmatched ferocity of Koryo's defense are found in both history and fable of the period. The outmanned and under-resourced Koryo soldiers offered over 30 years of continued resistance to one of the greatest armies to march over the earth. Although the Mongol hordes suffered substantial loses, Koryo ultimately surrendered to the Khan and submitted to vassalage status.

Impressed by the combat prowess of the Koryo people displayed in their resistance to domination, the Mongol governors conscripted many soldiers from their new vassal. Koryo military leaders were allowed to retain their office if they vowed allegiance to the precepts and authority of the Mongol Empire. In conjunction with the Khan, the kingdom of Koryo amassed some of the most feared armies and navies in Asia.

Mongolia under the leadership of Kublai Khan enlisted Koryo in its proposed invasions into Japan and southern China. Tens of thousands of troops and fleets of warships were marshaled in a Mongol-Koryo alliance. The forces invaded Japan in both 1274 and 1281 C.E. Each time, natural typhoons battered the fleets, which gave rise to the myth of kamikaze (translated from Japanese as "divine wind").

Reeling from the losses and pitched conflict on several other fronts, the Mongol power structure in Koryo began to deteriorate. Seizing the opportunity for the liberation of their people, Koryo commanders regrouped and organized a revolt against Mongol rule in 1356 C.E. Koryo forces, long prepared for invasion into China, were instead deployed to repel Mongol occupying forces. Several decades of disorder ensued with no definitive resolution as night fell upon the old world order.

The tottering Koryo Dynasty failed finally in 1392 C.E. when the philosopher and statesman Yi Song-gye wrested control of the Korean peninsula and founded the Choson (sometime referred to as the Yi) Dynasty. Relocating the capital to present day Seoul, Choson endured until 1910 C.E.

While the sands of time have eroded much of the Koryo dynasty, its importance to the history of both modern Korea and the world is chronicled in the great deeds of its heroes. And while the epic of Koryo is delineated by conflict and warfare, its people waged a campaign to establish and preserve a treasured shared identity. The fighting spirit of Koryo survived the battle with itself and withstood the thunder of an invading foreign storm. Memory makes permanent the transience of the valiant warriors who shined briefly and then expired in those contested fields of legend.